

Lansing Emmaus Community

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Without Power

On Mother's Day, my church had no electricity. The newly-installed, high quality sound system didn't work. The ceiling fans didn't turn. The electric lights were useless. The organ couldn't produce a sound. We had no power. That's what people said.

It is true that the electricity was out. It was NOT true that there was no power. The sunlight streamed through the windows. The candles illuminated the dark corners of the church, and supplemented what came in through the windows so the Pastor and the liturgist had no trouble reading. They spoke up a bit, and I heard no complaints about the sound level. The piano still worked just fine, as did the voices of the congregation. Most of important, we had the Power of the Holy Spirit there. It was a Spirit-inspired service. God was present.

Where does electricity come from anyway? It comes from the generating plants, everybody knows that. The generating plants need to use something for fuel, though. Very little of the electricity we use comes from nuclear power; most of it comes from coal-burning power plants. Coal is a fossil fuel. The energy that is stored in coal comes from the trunks of ancient trees that lived 350 to 450 million years ago. When they died, their trunks fell into the water of the swamps they were living in and did not completely decompose and recycle. Their remains were buried and

over the ages were changed into coal. Where did the trees get their energy? They got their energy from the sun. So, for us, electricity is solar energy, stored for over 350 million years, released to generate steam to turn a turbine which turned an electric generator, and transported over many miles of electric transmission lines to reach our homes.

That Sunday morning, we had sun power, it just hadn't gone through all those conversions. Every time energy is converted, a physical science student will tell you, the conversion is not 100% efficient. Some of that energy is lost. When we were using the sun's power directly, we actually had more power, even though we had no electricity. We also had Son power. Between the two, we had all the power we needed.

Our Emmaus Community has recently faced some challenges. Our Community Spiritual Director has been appointed to serve in Virginia. She has resigned as Community Spiritual Director. We are now in the process of determining who will be our new Spiritual Director. We will miss Rev. Janet Sweet Richardson, but we wish her well, and we are glad her new appointment will be so much closer to her family. The challenge of finding new Spiritual Directors, and any other challenge our Community may face, we will be able to face using Son Power. We may some time find ourselves without electricity, but let us never say that we are without power.

In Christ

Harry Wallin

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Lansing Area Emmaus Board 2003

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NEW FOR PRAYER VIGIL
NOW YOU CAN SIGN UP ON THE IN-
TERNET FOR OUR PRAYER VIGILS at:
<http://www.3dayol.org/>

Note that the Mid-Michigan Chrysalis Flights has just been added and there are lots of open slots.

LOST LAMBS

Here are more of our "Lost Lambs". Please help us to locate the following people. Our addresses for these people are no longer current. Without current addressing, we cannot get them a copy of our latest newsletters. If you have any information on any of these lambs, please contact Cheryl Galloway at gallowayg@acd.net or by phone at (517) 882-5595.

Brian Baker - Grand Ledge
Cheryl Baker - Grand Ledge
Paige Birdwell - Coleman
Sarah Biskie - Charlotte
Jodi Calcott - Mt. Pleasant
Tim Daugherty - Lansing
Mike Davis - Grand Ledge
Brian Dingwell - Dimondale
Karen Farman - Grand Ledge
Don Gamber - Lansing
Kiken Gutz - Lansing
Jeff Harris - Lansing
Gina Harwood - Clarksville
Jack Jennison - Lansing
Marilyn Mikan - Lansing
Kenith Moomey - Ada
Pat Seddon - Grand Ledge
Don Spachman - St. Johns
Carol Stewart - Bannister
Jim Stewart - Bannister
Doug Totten - Eaton Rapids
Robert Valentine - Bannister
Karen VanDevelde - Grand Ledge
Florence Vermilyea - Mason
Ben Whitaker - Mason
Mary Williams
Sharon Williams - Holt
Velma Woods - Lansing

Visit our NEW LANSING EMMAUS WEBSITE

Thanks to Carol Lanfear we have a website packed with information on Emmaus and Chrysalis; need sponsorship forms, visit our website; cannot find your newsletter or need to find information in one of the old newsletters, check out our website; need directions to the board meetings or current walk sites, we have them on our website. We have changed our address

<http://www.LansingEmmaus.truepath.com/>

Please visit the new site and bookmark it as one of your favorites.

Would you like to help us save MONEY? Consider receiving the newsletter by email or ask us to send you a reminder each time we post the new Footprints to our website.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP FROM HOME, consider being part of a team that works on a Praise and Prayer page for our website. All you would need is a computer and access to the internet. If this project would interest you please contact me

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From Your Newsletter Coordinator

In an effort to save money for the Lansing Area Emmaus, several people have requested that they download the newsletter from our website. If you have not been on our new website, please visit it. There are many enhancements that have been made to our site. If you would like to receive the newsletter by downloading from our site, please send an e-mail to me at bjschmidt@core.com. Please place "web

download" into the subject line and include your e-mail. I will then send you a reminder when the newsletter has been posted. The advantage to this is that you don't have to take up space for your other e-mails. This will also fix some of the problems that people have had reading the newsletter. Please consider this option as a way to receive your newsletter. God Bless,

Bill Schmidt - Newsletter Coordinator LAE.

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Upcoming Events

June 10 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting,
Alma U.M.C., Alma, MI. 6:30 P.M.

June 14 Lansing Gathering, Trinity
U.M.C. Lansing, 4:30pm.

June 15 Father's Day

July 4 Independence Day

July 8 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting,
Trinity U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M.

July 12 Lansing Gathering, Trinity
U.M.C. Lansing, 4:30pm.

July 17-20 S.E. Michigan, South Lyon
First U.M.C., South Lyon, MI.

July 24-27 25th Anniversary International
Emmaus Celebration Nashville TN.

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First U.M.C., South Lyon, MI.

August 9 Lansing Gathering, Trinity
U.M.C. Lansing, 4:30pm.

August 12 Lansing Emmaus Board Meet-
ing, Alma U.M.C., Alma, MI. 6:30 P.M.

Sept. 1 Labor Day

Sept. 11-14 Men Lansing St. Louis U.M.C.
St. Louis, MI.

Oct. 2-5 Women Lansing Mt. Pleasant First
U.M.C. Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Oct. 9-12 Men #60 Kalamazoo Wayland
United Methodist Church, Wayland, MI.

Oct. 16-19 Women #61 Kalamazoo Way-
land U.M.C., Wayland, MI.